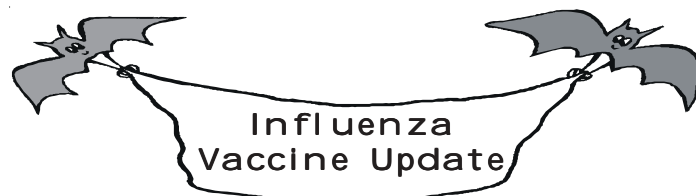


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DAPTACEL is available through VVFC

The order form you are using has been updated to reflect some new package size options and new vaccines. We no longer have some of the vaccines on the old order forms. Using the most updated order form will help the VVFC Order Center correctly identify the vaccines you want in the package sizes you want.

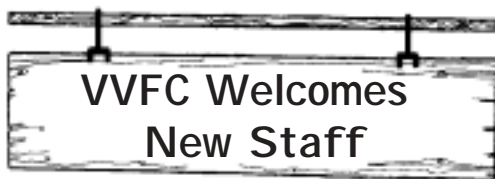
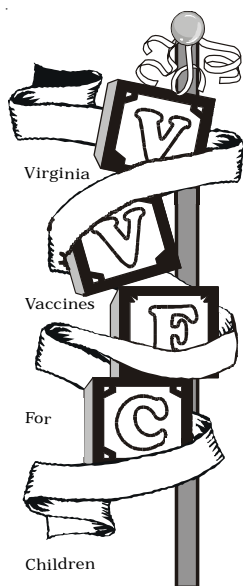
Pprevnar Supply Update...

VVFC has raised the limit on Pprevnar orders to 75 doses per vaccine order. Please be very conscientious when ordering Pprevnar because the shortage has not been resolved and our supply is limited. Facilities should have no more than 25 doses above their approved order limit in their refrigerator at any time. VVFC Regional Consultants will be monitoring Pprevnar supply on Quality Assurance reviews, so please order modestly. Just a reminder, VVFC encourages quarterly orders when possible.

Based on our current vaccine situation, Virginia is continuing to adhere to the vaccine administration schedule by ACIP for use under moderate shortage conditions. A recall list should be kept of patients with deferred doses.

Thanksgiving Shipping Schedule

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, **we will not be shipping vaccine on November 25th.** Orders received by 4pm November 14th will be shipped November 18th as scheduled. *Any order received between 4pm November 14th and 4pm November 27th will not be shipped until December 2nd.* Orders received after 4pm November 27th will be shipped on December 9th.



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VVFC has a limited supply of influenza vaccine available for **VVFC High Risk patients only.** Only VVFC eligible patients who meet one of the following criteria are eligible for this year's vaccine:

- Children who have chronic disorders of the pulmonary or cardiovascular systems, including asthma
- Children who have required regular medical follow-up or hospitalization during the preceding year because of chronic metabolic diseases (including diabetes mellitus), renal dysfunction, hemoglobinopathies, or immunosuppression (e.g., caused by medications or human immunodeficiency virus)
- Persons aged 6 months—18 years who are receiving long-term aspirin therapy and therefore might be at risk for developing Reye syndrome after influenza
- Adolescents who will be in the second or third trimester of pregnancy during the influenza season
- Residents of nursing homes and other chronic-care facilities that house persons of any age who have chronic medical conditions
- Any household contact of these high-risk groups who is VVFC eligible

VVFC has filled approximately 50% of each provider's approved Influenza order. Additional vaccine is expected in November, but due to the limited supply, orders will be filled in partial shipments and are based on patient enrollment. **Your order will be held and filled as vaccine becomes available.**

★ ★ VVFC Awards

VVFC would like to recognize the following practices for their excellence:

Wee Care Pediatrics,
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*Exceptional
Immunization Rates*

(Immunization rates exceed 90% using CASA software)

If your practice would like the chance to be recognized in the *Backpage*, please contact VVFC to request a Quality Assurance review.



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